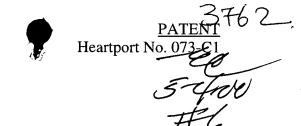
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 22, 2000, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 55-58 without traverse.

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